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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 5647

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SWEL ICRC ET

SUBJECT: THE EPMG, THE ICRC AND INTERNATIONAL VOLAGS: EMBASSY
COMMENTS

REF: ADDIS 5522

1. THERE FOLLOW THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENTS
REPORTED IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM.

2. A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES HAVE ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES IN JOINT
EFFORTS AND DISCUSSIONS IN ADDIS TO URGE ON THE EPMG A MORE
FORTHCOMING POSTURE TOWARD ICRC/VOLAG ACTIVITIES IN ERITREA.
THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN PART OF THESE EFFORTS, AND WE HAVE ALSO
EXPRESSED OUR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
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EPMG. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

3. GIVEN EPMG INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE ICRC WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO ERITREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FOR ONE THING, ANY ICRC REPORT BASED ON FIELD INTERVIEWS IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TO INCLUDE STRONG CRITICISMS OF PAST EPMG ACTIONS AGAINST CIVILIAN, AND CONDEMNATIONS OF THE PAUCITY OF GOVERNMENT RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA.

4. DESPITE THIS PESSIMISTIC ESTIMATE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH JOINT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EPMG THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE. IF OUR ATTITUDES ARE TO HAVE ANY FORCE, WE MUST ALSO INDICATE OUR REAL AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS BY OCCASIONAL DIRECT REMINDERS TO MOFA OFFICIALS AND OTHERS. TO DO NEITHER WOULD GIVE THE EPMG - AND ALSO THE OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM - THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE NOT CONCERNED.
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